

SIERRA REED

'alexia' grenache 2022



LEGEND

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Sierra Reed

Grape(s): Grenache

GI: Barossa Valley

Site(s): Schliebs Family Farm in Vine Vale

Vintage notes: Winter rainfall and temperatures continued in the La Niña weather pattern of 2021: a cooler and wetter season. Ample ground moisture led to a productive spring, moderate temperatures continued through the summer, never getting too hot. Autumn was sunny and dry, resulting in great flavor ripeness with moderate sugar levels.

Vineyard notes: Schliebs Family Farm is a biodynamically-grown vineyard with 100-150 year old Grenache bush vines in the sandy Vine Vale subregion of the Barossa. Schliebs Family Farm is owned and maintained by Wayne and Suzi Ahrens.

Winemaking: Hand-picked at dawn and driven across the border by Sierra herself for vinification in Geelong. Hand destemmed and sorted, followed by wild fermentation and élevage in large format neutral French oak for twelve months.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 13.5%

LEGEND Tasting Notes: Light garnet color in the glass. Aromas of rose petal, riberry (a native pink berry), pomegranate, sweet spice, dustings of pink pepper, strawberry gum, and old terracotta and earth. Bright and juicy with immediate appeal and complexity (perhaps masked by its deliciousness). "It's like a great croissant," Sierra says. "Many fine layers that accumulate to an intense but airy product."

Label design: Reed's labels and font are adapted from the 1937 catalog of a famous wine store in France called Nicolas, from the artist Jacques Darcy. "Alexia" is the name of Sierra's goddaughter in France, the daughter of the former assistant winemaker at Domaine de Vissoux.

Production size: 260 dozen